

(a) whether the C.A.G has made adverse remark upon the functioning of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

#### Indira sagar Dam

7093. SHRI MAHENDRA KUMAR SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to obtain World Bank assistance for the completion of Indira Sagar Dam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Narmada Sagar Project (now renamed as Indira Sagar Project) was appraised by the World Bank in 1984-85. However, the World Bank has informed that reappraisal of the project would be necessary in view of, inter alia, the World Bank's new operational directives on environmental assessment requirements which come into effect from October 1, 1989. The World Bank has indicated that to consider reinstatement of the project into its leading programme, Government of Madhya Pradesh would have to attend to the following:-

(i) a realistic financial plan;

(ii) An environment at impact assessment study; and

(iii) A comprehensive plan for rehabilitation and resettlement of project affected persons.

Government of Madhya Pradesh has been requested to communicate action taken on the above aspects.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

#### Import of American Films

7094. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has removed restrictions hitherto imposed on motion pictures Exhibitors Association in respect of import of American films in India;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the extent of loss by this decision?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir.

(d) and (c). Do not arise.

[Translation]

#### Setting up of New Radio Stations in States

7095. SHRI B.L. SHARMA: MAPREM: SHRI LALIT ORAON:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new AIR stations set up in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government have received proposals from various states for setting up of new AIR stations;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the places where new AIR stations are to be set up and by when these are likely to start functioning?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS):

(a) Thirty one New Radio Stations were set up in the country during the period 1989-90 to 1991-92.

(b) to (d). The Plan schemes of AIR are formulated taking into consideration the requirement of radio coverage in the respective States. While requests from the State Governments are received from time to time for extension of radio coverage in the respective States, no detailed proposals are called for from the State Governments for formulation of Plans of AIR.

The Eighth Plan of AIR is yet to be approved. However, 84 broadcasting centres with studios at appropriate places have been proposed in the Eighth Plan.

[English]

#### **Power Project in Kerala**

7096. SHRI A. CHARLES:  
SHRI THAYIL JOHN-

ANJALOSE:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of power generated by the Kerala Electricity Board during 1990-91 and 1991-92;

(b) the power generating capacity of various power projects in Kerala;

(c) whether the generation of power in the state is less than its demand;

(d) since when hydel and thermal power projects are pending with the Union Government for approval and the reasons for delay; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to approve these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The total energy generation in Kerala during 1990-91 and 1991-92 was 5494 million units and 5327 million units respectively.

(b) the present installed generating capacity of various projects in Kerala is 1476.5 MW.

(c) During the year 1991-92 the energy requirement in Kerala was 7440 million units against which the availability was 7197 million units

(d) The required details are given below;